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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of | : | Nicolaos PAPADOPOULOS and Lloyd OLSON |
| Serial no.           | : |                                       |
| Filed                | : |                                       |
| For                  | : | COOLING TOWER SUPPORT GRID            |
| Group Art Unit       | : |                                       |
| Examiner             | : |                                       |
| Docket               | : | THOLAM P152US                         |

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claim 21 as follows. Also accompanying this response is a marked up version of the claims showing all of the changes made to the previously pending claims by the following amended claims.

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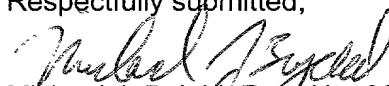
21. (AMENDED) The cooling tower support grid as defined in Claim 19, wherein the first end of each body has male members and the second end of each body has female members adapted to receive in mating relation the male members whereby several of the bodies can be joined in end to end relation.

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## REMARKS

Accompanying this response is a marked-up version of claim 21 which removes the multiple dependency contained therein. The undersigned avers that the enclosed replacement paragraph(s) of the specification do not contain any new matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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Marked-Up Version of Amended Claim

21. The cooling tower support grid as defined in Claim[s] 19 [or 20], wherein the first end of each body has male members and the second end of each body has female members adapted to receive in mating relation the male members whereby several of the bodies can be joined in end to end relation.

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